# M'NICHOL MEN HOLD COMMITTEE FORT IN CITY TRANSIT WAR

Vare Represented by Only Six Men in Body Which Will Decide Fate of Ordinances in Councils.

One Obstructionist Frankly Admits He Is Waiting for Orders From "Fellows at the Front." Mayoralty Campaign Factor.

A poll of the members of Councils' Fisance Committee today revealed the fact that the Vare members of the committee would be in line solidly for Director Taylor's rapid transit program when Chairman

Connelly calls a meeting of the committee. This, he an-

nounced, would be within a The McNichol Councilmen, it few days. The McNichol Councilmen, it is shown, will be lined up solidly against the Taylor program for real rapid transit. In political circles it is generally understood that both sides have received their orders and that the fight from now on will be along clear-cut, definite lines. Backing Director Taylor will stand Sena-Backing Director Taylor will stand Sena-tor Vare with the downtown members of the Finance Committee. On the other side Senator McNichol, who came out in the open against the plan yesterday, will order his men to defy public opinion and throttle the plan. In view of Senator McNichol's opposi-tion to the Taylor transit program, Sena-tor Vare was asked today what his atti-rule was on the question. In reply he

tor vare was asset to the following statement:
"I stand exactly where I have always stood-in favor of rapid transit, and I want to see it worked out in the best and quickest way." There are six Vare men on the Finance

There are 17 McNichol men on the Fi-

nance Committee, though one of his followers intimated today that he would vote to report the bill out of committee. This means that unless an aroused public forces the McNichol men to disre-gard the order of their chief the Taylor plan will not be considered at the Firemain in "pickle," or that a compro-mise, the result of which will be only to delay the plan, will be effected. The political allegiance of one mem-ber of the committee is doubtful, but he

s supposed to be aligned with the Vares. He is Robert Smith, of the 36th Ward. The threat of a higher tax rate is a new device which Senator McNichol will use in his attempt to frighten the people away from supporting Director Taylor's

transit plans.

The Senator figures out that the additional city debt to provide funds for transit development and other improvements would necessitate an increase from

\$1.50, the present tax rate, to \$2.50.

This will be the basis of his argument against the Taylor plan when the Committee on Municipal Corporations of the State Senate, of which Senator Vare is chairman, holds a public hearing on the Committee's room tomorrow afternoon. Political observers pointed out signifi-cantly that the alignment of the two sides is virtually the same as it was in the last bitterly contested mayoralty campaign. Using the proposed trainsit program for a political football, the amouldering factional fires are now about to break out again at the expense of the

Unless a compromise can be reached or Concluded on Page Seven

PROMOTER PLEADS GUILTY

Henry A. Merrill, a former director of the International Lumber and Develop ment Company, pleaded gullty to the three bills of indictment on the charge of conspiracy before Judge Dickinson in the United States District Court this afternoon. He is the last man of the company to be placed on trial, the other five officers and promoters are awaiting sentence following a refusal by the United States Supreme Court to grant them a rehearing. Judge Dickinson de-ferred sentence on Merrill owing to the fact that his attorney, Judge Lightner, is in Florids and will not return until March. Bail was fixed at \$5000 for his appearance at that time.

THE WEATHER



We have to retreat. After assaulting for weeks past the weather gods, for their tack of consideration for us poor mortals and quite rightfully, too, we take it—the weather of the last few days has been so seasonable and agreeable and sltogether just as it should be that even the beat and most obstinate of our critical if centimetres have been effectively sllenced. There was vesterday in the silenced. There was yesterday in the first place. That very nearly put our fault finding to complete rouf. But we believed that it was more a feint than anything else, and stuck to our guns of dissalisfaction. Today is too much for us, however. We propose to arsue no further, Just look out the window.

Yas, we have to retreat!

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity-Fate tonight and Thursday; warmer Thursday; light to moderate variable

For details, ace page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia

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HE WANTS HIS ORDERS John J. AcKinley, Select Council-man from the 33d Ward, who will not know how he stands on the transit bills until he "sees those fellows at the front about the matter." He is a McNichol Councilman. McNichol openly opposes the Taylor rapid transit project.

TRANSIT HEARING TOMORROW

Every citizen who wants rapid transit should attend the hearing of the State Senate Committee on Mu-nicipal Affairs, which will be held

tomorrow in Councils' Finance Committee room, No. 496, City Hall.

The committee will hear the recommendations of Senator McNichol and John P. Conneily, chairman of Councils' Committees on Finance and Legislation. They desire to and Legislation. They desire to change the Constitutional amend-ment adopted by the Legislature of 1913 to increase the city's borrowing capacity for transit and port improvements.

They want to amend the amendment so that the money obtained from the increased borrowing ca-pacity could be used for other proj-

pacity could be used for other projects beside those now named—transit and port improvements.

Amendment of the amendment would prevent the city from increasing its borrowing capacity from 7 to 10 per cent. this year.

Should the slightest change be made—even to the exist of a single word—the amendment approved by the last Legislature would fall. The new amendment then would have to be passed again by the Legislature of 1917.

Representatives of every business organization will be on hand to opthwart the will of the people for political purposes.

The meeting is open to all citizens.

The hour of the meeting is 2 . If you are for the Taylor tran-sit plan attend the meeting.

C. H. S. TRACK STARS BEAT WEST PHILA, HIGH TEAM

Crimson and Gold Athletes Easily Win Dual Meet.

Central High School's star track team had little trouble defeating West Philadelphia High School's athletes in the latter's gymnasium this afternoon. A big crowd of followers from both schools

The final score was 51½ to 10½.

Henry, the Crimson and Gold crack track man, surprised the spectators by beating out his team-mate, E. Smalley. in the 15-yard dash, and also showing his heels to McHale, the star Central runner, in the \$50-yard run.

The summaries follow: Fifteen-yard dash-Wen by Henry, Central ligh School; second, E. Smalley, Central ligh School; third, Ames, West Philadelphia ligh School. Time, 22-5 seconds. Light hundred and eighty yard dash-Won by enry, Central High School; second, McHale, extral High School; third, Bensall, West falladelphia High School. Time, 2 minutes 1.5 seconds. 5.1-5 Accordes
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Tigh School; second, E. Smalley, Central High
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West Philadelphia High School and Highmy,
Yeat Philadelphia High School Time—231-5 scoulds. Standing broad timp-Won by Robertson, Central High School; second, Stoeckel, West Philadelphia High School; third, A. Smalley, Central High School. Distance—9 feet 8 in-

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Shot put — Wen by Butler, Central High School; second, Riley, Central High School; third, Deceor, West Philadelphia High School; birtanes—38 feet 4 liches.

440-rand dash—Won by A. Smalley, Central High School; second, Henry, Central High School; third, Harlan, West Philadelphia High School. Time, 1 minute 5-5 seconds.

MISS HOFFMAN-M'FARLAND WIN GIMBEL GOLF MATCH

Sixteen Couples Compete in Mixed

Foursome on Indoor Links. The two-ball mixed foursome event over the Gimbel indoor links today brought out a field of 16 couples. Miss Maud Hoffman and J. B. McFarland, Jr., were the winners with a corre of 51, seven strokes better than George C. Klauder and Miss Yorke and Sidney E. Sharwood and Mrs. W. J. Peck, who were thed for second.

PELL TO REPLAY MATCH

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"HUMAN FLY" CRAWLS UP WALLS OF CAMDEN COURTHOUSE



Several thousand persons crowded the space around the county courthouse in Camden today to see H. H. Gardiner, a vaudeville performer, climb up the sides of the big building unaided, save by his hands, feet and muscles. He did it. He not only went up the side of the structure, wearing his shoes, too, but ascended the roof of the sloping dome to the top. The picture, taken today by an Evening Ledger photographer, shows how he ascended.

## PROFESSIONAL DOG SLAYER REQUESTED IN FAIRMOUNT PARK

Odd Request for Protection of Deer Along Wissahickon Made to Commission by Theodore Justice.

A professional dog slayer is wanted or Fairmount Park.

A request for such a rifleman was entered today by Theodore Justice at the meeting of the Park Commission in City Hall. He said the deer which the city recently placed in Fairmount Park near Wissahickon were being attacked by stray dogs.

Exception to Mr. Justice's proposal was made by E. T. Stotesbury, whereupon it was decided to place the entire matter before George Wharton Pepper, counsel for the commission. He will determine whether or not the city has a right to employ a rifleman at the park to shoot stray dogs.

The commissioners' opinions on the The commissioners' opinions on the matter at today's meeting were varied. Mr. Justice maintained that the employment of a dog slayer for the noble purpose indicated should meet with no opposition, while Mr. Stotesbury contended he would have no objection to the idea provided the employment of the dog giayer did not entail any additional complications with owners of slain dogs. The following colloquy ensued:

Mr. Stotesbury—"Who appreciates the deer anyhow?"

deer anyhow?"

Mr. Justice "I think many appreciate them. They have them in the parks absord and seem to have no trouble in

abjoid and seem to have no trouble in protecting them."

Mr. Stotesbury—"It seems to me that the employment of a rifeman might result in complications."

Mr. Justice—"We shall have to get an experienced forest ranger."

Mr. Stotesbury: "Have to get what?"

Mr. Justice: "An experienced forest-ranger."

Mr. Stotesbury: "I thought you said an Mr. Stotesbury: "I thought you said an experienced fire engine."

S. W. Keith: "I am informed that some of the deer make themselves quite comfurtable in the homes of residents."

James Poliock: "Yes, one of them, I understand, recently entered the kitchen of a hours and had guite a delightful meal."

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## 10.000 SEE DARING FEAT

Man Sits Astride Ball on Dome of Camden Courthouse.

More than 10,000 persons in Camden today were treated to an exhibition of skill and nerve at the Courthouse, Broadway and Federal streets, when H. H. Gardiner, a vaudeville performer, climbed to the pinacle of the Courthouse dome. Sitting on the ball crowning the dome, with his feet outspread, Gardiner imitated the vaudeville performer photographed by the EVENING LEDGER last week, who jusgled balls on the top of the Widener Building, now in course of onstruction.

construction.

Before mounting the dome, Gardiner climbed up the wait of the Courthouse. As far as the top of the first floor the wall is of rough granite blocks and he had no trouble, but above that the blocks are smooth and he had to make his way by taking a slight hold between the blocks. Several times he nearly slipped. The demonstration was for the benefit of the Salvation Army. Several hundred of the Salvation Army. Several hundred dollars was realized in a collection taken by the army workers in the crowd.

#### JURY HAD STOMACHACHE

Appeal to Judge for Brandy Was Denied and Case Continued.

Denied and Case Continued,

Twelve men are busy taking ipecac, paregoric, blackberry brandy and other home remedies for stomachache today, Monday evening they partook of applesauce before retiring to the jury room in City Hall, where they were to spend the night dreaming over a case before them. But they didn't dream, They had night-mares. Sudden and violent pains assailed them. They called Levi Hart, court crier, and besought him to fetch some blackberry brandy. Instead he called Dr. John Wanamaker, 3d, police surgeon, who prescribed for them.

The next morning the jury filed into Judge Little's courtroom. The foreman appealed to the court, but Judge Little ruled they should have medical altention and no brandy and the case continued. The prisoner Harry Young, a Negro, was sentenced to not less than 17 and not more than 20 years for murder.

The men who composed the jury were Edward H. Hyer, 1998 Merion avenue; James Howard. 2001 Annin street; John Kellett, 601 South 60th atreet; Edward Mediarvey, 2011 North 8th street; Bertram Archer, 2021 Vine street; William Wyld, 2001 Howard street; George Reess. 2012 North 11th street; S. L. Gabel, 2525 North 8th street; Frank Hillegas, 1811 Tlat ave-

North lith street; S. L. Gabet, 3438 North 8th street; Frank Hillegas, 1314 Tlet ave-nue; Vintor Paul, 6787 Germantown ave-nue; Leon Gillen, 341 Opal street, and David Phelan, 311 Hamilton street.

Aged Woman Overcome by Gas tre. Sallie McKiroy, is years and, 1456 Catharine street, was overcome in her heat by astaining gas from a radiater file was removed to the literard Hospital Plysicians say she will die.

## PHILA. ELECTRIC GO. LEASES KEYSTONE TELEPHONE DUCTS

Contract Gives Right to Use All Unoccupied Space. Graded Rental Based Upon \$100,000.

The long-rumored deal between the Philadelphia Electric Company and the Keystone Telephone Company for the lease of the latter's condults was concluded this afternoon. President McCall,

of the Philadelphia Electric Company, made the announcement as follows "We have agreed upon the terms of ; contract with the Keystone Telephone

Company of Philadelphia, which gives us the right to use all the duct space in the Telephone Company's conduits which they are not using, and to occupy the same as required by us from time to time in the extension or operation of our business. The Telephone Company retains the right to use the ducts for its own purposes when needed to carry out its obligations and purposes. The ar-rangement is one which should be bene-ficial to the general public as well as to both utility companies, as it produces an immediate revenue to the Telephone Comminematic revenue to the response Com-pany for duct space which has been un-used for a number of years, and it also makes the same available to the Phila-delphia Electric Company for the gen-eral purposes of its business whenever and wherever such ducts can be used in conjunction with the present distributing

conjunction with the present distributing system of the company.

"Under the torms of the agreement we are to have the right to the exclusive use of all the unused ducts for the purposes of our business. Provision is made for a graded schedule of minimum rental payments, the maximum of which is one hundred thousand dollars (100,000) for the first period of 21 years, and at our option at an annual minimum of one hundred thousand dollars (100,000) for an additional period of 15 years. We also have the right to purchase the conduit apace in use at the end of the agreement at a price to be fixed by arbitration. If for noy reason we cannot purchase these ducts, we also have the opchase these ducts, we also have the op-tion to extend the agreement for a fur-ther period of 16 years, at an annual minimum rental for this latter period of one hundred at twenty-five thousand collect GLE

### TODAY'S BASKETBALL RESULTS

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Beachwood School Girls	4	3	-	7
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DUAL INDOOR TRACK MEET

West Philadelphia High School... Central High School .....

# SUNDAY SCORES EMPLOYERS OF

Religious Posers and Their German Losses Enormous in "Philanthropy" Flayed in Spirited Attack on Monopolists in Business.

ho contribute thousands to hospitals nd charities and each year crush out thousands of lives of children through a system of child labor, all of whom pose as respectable Christian men," got their "bumps" from "Billy" Sunday in the tabernacle this afternoon.

In stinging words the evangelist demanded that men stop living good on Sabbath and then "go to the devil the rest of the week" while engaged in their ousiness. He was preaching on "Positive Versus Negative Religion."

"We have produced men whose private lives are good, but whose public lives are very bad," said Sunday. "For instance, we have produced men who, while they would not shoot a man with a pistol, will sit in New York city and, by a vote in the board of directors' meeting, set in motion forces which ultimately may take a man's life out on the Pacific coast nonths afterward. This condition has been produced by the idea that it is necessary for a man to run away from the world in order to be good. If a man runs away from the world in order to be good, by his very act he says that religion is simply and only a private affair with him a something labeled for external use and home consumption only.

"PICKPOCKETS" IN MONOPOLIES. "Men who would not pick the pockets

of one man with the fingers of their hands will, without hesitation, pick the pockets of \$0,000,000 people with the fingers of their monopoly or commercial advan-'Men in whose hands the virtue of

your wife or daughter would be as safe as in your own, but who will every year drive hundreds of cases of virtue over the line into vice by the pressure of starvation wages which they pay.
"Men who will gladly draw their check for \$10,000 and give it to a child's

and see nothing ridiculous in the fact

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#### MARRIAGE LICENSE FRAUD

Woman Held on Charge of Alleged Impersonation.

A strange tale of how one woman im-personated another woman to secure a marriage license developed today in the marriage license developed today in the hearings before Magistrate Fennock in the City Hall. Mrs. Edna Black, of 25-5 East Thompson street, was being tried on the charge of forgery and perjury. Mrs. James Wilson, wife of Mrs. Black's brother, told the story.

She is also persecuting her husband on the charge of nonsupport and desertion. Mrs. Wilson, who was Miss Margaret King, of 2541 Edgemont street, declares that her sister-in-law went to City Hall in December and secured a marriage li-

in December and secured a marriage li-cense under the name of Margaret King. This license, it is charged, was used by: Black when he married Miss King a few days later.

Black is gaid to have deserted his bride on the day following the wedding. His wife had him arersted today. When she swore out the warrant it is said she inadvererently related how her husband told her he would get his sister to go with him to procure the license, which she said was done. It was then the charge of perjury and forsery was made against Mrs. Black. She will be given a further

hearing tomorrow.

#### CAUGHT AFTER A CHASE

Police in Automobile Capture Two Alleged Thieves.

An automobile containing two police-men and several citizens late this afternoon raced for more than two miles after a 'nuckster's wagon in which two al-leged thieves were attempting to make

their escape.

The chase, which was witnessed by hundreds of persons in Germantown, ended at Penn street and Wayne avenue. William Hidderman, 17 years ild, of 1905 Roberts avenue, and Rudolph Fried, 21 years old, of 2017 Rowan street, who were n the wagon were arrested.

According to the police the prisoners and a third man stole a purse from the home of Mrs. P. Murphy, of 481 West Haines street, while she was in the real

#### CHILD RESCUED FROM FIRE

Little Girl Carried From Burning-

Home by Her Cousin. Five-year-old Katharine Norton, of 1706 Alder street, was rescued from her burning home early today by her cousin, Herbert McClain, a boarder in the house, after she had been overcome by smoke. The child was revived in the home of a neighbor.

McClain was in a room adjoining that of the child, when he noticed smoke coming under the door. He found the little girl unconscious in her bed, and slaugered with her to the street, at the same time arousing her parents. The fire was castly extinguished by firemen. It was confined to the frunt of the second floor. About 100 damage was done.

## CZAR HURLS FOE BACK TO SECOND CHILD LABOR LINE IN HUNGARY

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22 Assaults on Galician Heights - Austrians Are Beaten Back at Lupkow.

Unprecedented slaughter is reported by Petrograd in the Carpathians, where at Kozlowa, in Galicia, 65 miles southwest of Lemberg, the Austro-Germans were beaten back 22 times in an attempt to control the heights, and at Bartfeld and Szydinik, in Hungary south of the Lupkow Pass, where the Austrian defenders suffered heavily under a fierce Russian offensive, and were forced back to their second line of defenses. Austria maintains that the Russian offensive in at least one section of the Carpathians has been broken down and that the Czar is retreating from Bukowina.

losses at 50,000 in the six days' battle of Borjimow, where the fee made a headlong onslaught against Warsaw, This total is based on an inspection of the battlefield along the Bzura and Rawka Rivers, according to a Petrograd dispatch to London. The Russian official report states the losses at "tens of thousands." A slight gain for the French troops

Russian reckoning sets the German

in Lorraine is claimed in an official communique issued in Paris today. It says that northeast of Manonviller s French detachment rolled back the German posts.

Fighting on the western front was confined generally to artillery combats, which were of particular violence on the Alsne front and Champagne.

Turkish rdvance guards have crossed the Suez Canal, according to Constantinople official reports, but are awaiting the main army before giving battie to the British. A British warship was damaged on the canal, says the report.

#### AUSTRIANS BACK TO SECOND TRENCH LINE IN HUNGARY

Russians Inflict Heavy Losses in Lupkow Pass Action.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 10.-The battles for the slopes of the Carpathians and the passes which command the fertile Hungarian plains are being waged with a desperation that is unprecedented. The mountainsides are strewn with dead and dying. If the Russians win they will be able to retain their holdings in Bukewing and also to attempt an invasion in force of Hungary. If they are forced to re-tire they will simply fall back on their strongly intrenched positions in Galicia and northern and eastern Bukowina. At Bartfeld and Szyldnik, in Hungary. the attacks of the Germans have been re the attacks of the Germans have been re-pulsed with heavy losses, and in the re-gion of Lupkow Pass they have been driven back on their second line, the Russians capturing 60 officers, 5000 men, 18 machine guns and a large quantity of

#### 50,000 GERMANS REPORTED SLAIN IN WARSAW BATTLE

Casualties Enormous in Headlong Onslaught, According to Report.

Onslaught, According to Report,
LONDON, Feb. 16.
German losses before Warsaw and
Austo-German losses in southern Galicia
beyond the Tucholka Pass and in Hungary south of Lupkow Pass have been
of a magnitude without precedent in the
war, according to advices received here.
The correspondent of the Star says:
The Russians have now inspected the
battlefield on the Buura and Rawka rivera
between Goumine and Bollmow, where a

between Goumine and Bolimow, where a six-day battle ended on Sunday in a German roll. They estimate, from the hodies thus found, that the Germans lost 50,000 dead. The German attack was the last headlong onslaught that was made on the Russian defense line in central Po-land."

The Petrograd official report covering The Fetrogram omital report that the battle of Borilmow states that the Germans lost by "the tens of thousands and elsewhere that the foc's consulties in the Carpathians were "unprecedented."

OTHER WAR NEWS ON PAGE &

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